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First inter-city electric bus to be flagged off on Dec. 30

▶ Chief Minister to launch clean-air bus from Bengaluru to Mysuru

▶ Inaugural bus to arrive at State Capital from Hyderabad today

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (RK&BCT)- The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation's (KSRTC) first inter-city clean-air bus from Bengaluru to Mysuru is likely to be flagged off by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday, Dec. 30.

While the first bus will arrive from Hyderabad to Bengaluru today, all the other inter-city zero-emission routes will be operated from Bengaluru to Madikeri, Virajpet, Chikkamagaluru, Davangere and Shivamogga in phases.

KSRTC's Mysuru Divisional Controller Ashok Kumar told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the tentative date of the CM flagging off the inaugural bus to Mysuru is on Dec. 30. "We are expecting a trial run on Dec. 28 on the 10-lane Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway before the actual inauguration to check the operational abilities, passenger capacity and the actual operation," he said.

The electric charging station readied at KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand in city.

"The Mysuru-Bengaluru route is a priority one for the KSRTC and the Mysuru Division operates over 450 daily trips to Bengaluru and most of the premium Airavatha AC and Club Class buses ply on this route. This is the reason we have chosen the Mysuru route for the launch of first-ever electric inter-city services," he said.

Charging stations have been set up at the halting station in Bengaluru and at Mysuru Sub-Urban Bus Stand near the Bengaluru bus section on elevated platforms.

KSRTC sources said that the inter-city service is being launched under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME) scheme of the Union Government. Under the scheme, the KSRTC will operate 50 such AC buses.

The buses will run on gross cost contract basis in which the private operator will operate the buses for 10 years where the KSRTC will pay Rs. 55 per kilometre as operational cost to the private operator that includes electricity charges.

The KSRTC has struck a deal with Hyderabad-based Olectra Greentech Ltd., which has been selected under the FAME to operate buses. With a single charge, the bus can run up to 250 km and the assured distance operated is 450 km per day.

As per the agreement with the KSRTC, the private operator has to bear the cost involved in employing driver, maintenance and others for a period of ten years.

State opens Yashaswini Health Scheme for private sector

But private hospitals cry hoarse as treatment costs not revised; Doctors say it is an election stunt

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (MK&BS)- With the State Government reintroducing the Yashaswini Health Insurance Scheme, the private sector will also be benefitted as the area of coverage has been expanded. The scheme was largely beneficial only for farmers earlier.

However, private hospitals across the State have taken severe exception to the scheme as the treatment and surgery rates have not been revised though the Government has relaunched the scheme. They have resolved to implement the scheme only if the Government gives a written assurance of fulfilling their demands as most of the private hospitals are under severe financial crisis.

The scheme which was discontinued in 2018 has been reimplemented and will be effective from Jan. 1, 2023 to Dec. 30, 2023. Beneficiary families will be eligible to avail health benefits up to Rs. 5 lakh per annum. A four-member family in urban areas must pay Rs. 1,000 annual premium and a family from a rural area should pay Rs. 500. In the case of additional members they should pay 20% extra (Rs. 100 each).

Employees whose monthly pay is Rs. 30,000 or Rs. 3.6 lakh per annum are eligible. Though provisions have been made for even those who have Ayushman Bharat cards to enrol for Yashaswini, they can use the benefits of only one scheme.

In all, 1,650 types of ailments will be treated and every member of the scheme will be issued a bar-coded card with an unique ID number. Besides, 823 surgeries are also covered.

"The scheme is being reimplemented but the cost of treatment has been slashed. How is it possible to do surgery for Rs. 8,000 to Rs. 10,000? The Government seems to have decided hastily with an eye on elections due next year, without discussing the matter with the private hospitals," said a doctor.

(See YASHASWINI on page 6)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 26th December 2022

Yuva Sangeethotsava: Three-day Music Festival from this evening

Vidu. Madhuri

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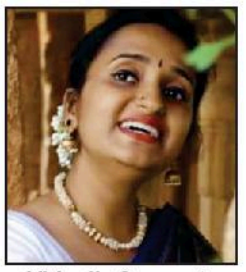

Vidu. Ila Sangeeta

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Surabhi Ganakala Mandira will be conducting a three-day Music Festival 'Yuva Sangeethotsava' from Dec. 26 to 28 at Sangeetha Kalanidhi Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana (Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha) on JLB Road in city everyday.

Dec. 26 (6 pm): Vocal Concert by **Vidu. Madhuri Kaushik**, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohan Kumar on violin and Vid. Saishivu Lakshmi Keshav on mridanga; **7.30 pm:** Flute recital by **Vid. C.S. Keshavachandra,** accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohan Kumar on violin and Vid. Saishivu Lakshmi Keshav on mridanga.

Dec. 27 (6 pm): Violin solo by **Vid. Keshav Mohan Kumar,** accompanied by Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata; **7.30 pm:** Vocal concert by **Vidu. Harini Ramesh,** accompanied by Vid. Krithik Koushik on violin and Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga.

Dec. 28 (6 pm): Vocal concert by **Vidu. Medha Vinod Anoor,** accompanied by Vid. Janardan Srinath on violin and Vid. Nagendraprasad on mridanga; **7.30 pm:** Vocal concert by **Vidu. Ila Sangeeta Dileep,** accompanied by Vid. Janardan Srinath on violin and Vid. Nagendraprasad on mridanga.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Man was humble. With time and development of science and technology, came the arrogance. The belief that he has acquired the necessary knowledge to find answers to the mysteries of life and universe. Which is paradoxical, for science teaches us also our limitations. Science teaches us that there is so much more we have yet to invent and discover. Much as Man tries to push the frontiers of Science and seeks to become immortal, Death does come knocking at the doors, at the appointed date and time. Acknowledging God's bounty would make us humble. It would make us appreciate God's creations. It would make us respect the environment, protect it. It would make us realise that that there is a world beyond this world. It would make us appreciate the need to make our life here purposeful, serve others. It would make us kinder.

Everywhere we look we have reminders of His bounty. But if we still want a reminder, one must but just get up before the crack of dawn when the stars are still there, and a gentle breeze is wafting by. Look up at the sheer majesty of the sky - the resplendent colours in the horizon, blue, white, orange, mauve, the chirping of the birds. We will be overcome with amazement and gratitude. Which of His favours can we indeed deny?

— Najib Shah in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Fly Plane while riding bicycle

Delhi: A video showing a group of people working on a 'flying bicycle' is gaining traction on social media. The short clip was shared on Twitter by a user showed a man attempting to achieve flight by peddling a bicycle that is inside a transparent box and is connected to aeroplane-like wings. The short clip showed a transparent square enclosure supported by plane-like wings and fans, and a person peddling a bicycle inside it. A man is also seen running along the makeshift aviation machine as the cyclist inside catches speed. Seconds later, the machine is then seen taking off, supposedly with the help of the power generated by cycling and it stays in the air for some time before hitting the ground.

"This guy just tried to fly a plane while riding a bicycle! Talk about multi-tasking!" the user wrote in the caption of the post, which has accumulated more than 169,000 views and over 6,300 likes.

World's largest colouring book

Austin: The 22nd Annual Mighty Texas Dog Walk, an annual fundraiser for Service Dogs Inc., took place at the Camp Mabry Parade Grounds in Austin broke a Guinness World Record when organisers unveiled the world's largest colouring book.

The event featured the release of Becoming Kaxan, a new children's book based on the life of Kaxan, the official 'spokesdog', one of the event's sponsors. Organisers unveiled a giant colouring book version of Becoming Kaxan, which measures 195 square feet. Attendees used over 500 markers to colour in the book. The current Guinness World Record for largest colouring book was set in May 2021 in China with a colouring book measuring 181 square feet and 53 square inches. An annual dog walking event in Texas broke a Guinness World Record when organizers unveiled the world's largest colouring book.

Guinness World Record attempts have become a tradition for the Mighty Texas Dog Walk, with previous titles earned including most dogs walked, biggest cake for dogs and biggest fur ball.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Winter skin care of men includes using a soaps with more oil content for bath and liberal use of moisturizers. Using a pH balanced cleansing lotion for face helps. Avoid after shave lotion which has a drying effect

By Dr. Jayanth D. P. - Consultant – Dermatology and Cosmetology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Science Exhibition at St. Thomas

Mysuru, Dec. 26- St. Thomas Institutions, Mysuru, had organised a mega "Science Expo" recently in the school premises at Visweshwaranagar.

Rev. Shaiju P. John, Manager, Mar Thoma Education Society (MES), presided. The open house event was inaugurated by Dr. A. Jagannath, Scientist, DFRL, DRDO, Mysuru and Dr. B.N. Asha, Principal, IOE, Mysuru. Sam Cherian Kumbukattu, Hon. Secretary, MES, Ebby Eapen, Hon. Treasurer, MES and Gracy Thomas, Baskyamo were present on the occasion.

Students from St. Thomas State and Central Schools displayed their static and innovative models which can be used for learning various scientific concepts. A Space Shuttle, a Newton's Cradle Pendulum, a gallery of 'Best out of Waste', a miniature of Vermiculture, a mushroom house and a special display of Silk Generating Procedure from Sericulture Department were major attractions of the event.

The key objectives were to inculcate a scientific attitude and research mindedness and to bring out the hidden talents in students. The displayed models and projects were judged by a team of experienced Science faculties from different Schools and Colleges.

REALLY...?

- ***A hippo's enormous size lends itself to creating microhabitats for smaller organisms. They facilitate habitats for fish populations by repeatedly walking on common pathways from water sources to inland areas.***
- ***Cartoonist Mort Walker, creator of Beetle Bailey, came up with names for the things we often see in comics and cartoons: "briffit" is the dust cloud a character makes when he runs away quickly; "plewds" are the beads of sweat when a character is under duress; and "grawlix" are symbols such as "#@*%" that stand in for curse words.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***She:** All my friends are telling me I married an idiot!*
***He:** What they mean is, only an idiot would've married you!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.81
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.97
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.55
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.02

VOICE OF THE READER

Kudos to Yuva Brigade

Sir,

It is heartening to learn about the various pro-people activities of Yuva Brigade, Nanjangud — be it the tree-planting at public places, cleaning river beds, catching/rescuing snakes from residential areas and dropping them safely at nearby forests etc.

The latest being clearing the civic waste heaps recklessly dumped by devotees at the bathing ghats near Srikanteshwara Temple a week before, followed by Kapila Arathi, a la Ganga Arathi of Varanasi.

Healthy, young lads of the group, hardly below 30, did a commendable job sans any expectation in return, which I doubt even our administrative bodies would not have done so well. My hearty wishes to the group. Let their clan multiply.

— N. Devarajan

Nanjangud 20.12.2022

DDPUE felicitates toppers

Academic toppers and other talented students of Vijaya Vittala PU College, who were felicitated, seen with DDPUE Nagamallesh, Hon. Secretary of VVEI R. Vasudev Bhat, Trustee A. Vishwanath, Principal H. Satyaprasad and Principal of Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala B.R. Mangala.

Mysuru, Dec. 26 - Vijaya Vittala PU College hosted its annual day VIJAYOTSAVA-2022 recently. Chief guest Nagamallesh, DDPUE of Mysuru District, inaugurated the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Nagamallesh said that students should strive for excellence with sincere efforts and with active participation in co-curricular activities. Enlightening the students regarding various competitive exams, he advised the students to update their general knowledge and current affairs.

R. Vasudev Bhat, Hon. Secretary of Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions (VVEI), said the institution has excelled with the blessings of Sri Pejawara Swamiji.

A. Vishwanath, Trustee of VVEI, advised the students to have goal-setting futuristic views and strive to reach the goal with perseverance, hard work and determination.

Principal H. Satyaprasad presented the annual report. B.R. Mangala, Principal of Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala, was present.

Academic toppers of the previous year and other talented students who have excelled in co-curricular activities were felicitated during Prathiba Puraskar.

This was followed by cultural events in which the talents and skills of students were brought onto stage. Prakhyath and group rendered invocation. Beeresh and Parvathi Basappa compered. S. Sinchana welcomed. Pavan Revankar introduced the chief guest. M.R. Srushti proposed a vote of thanks. Lecturer Mayuralakshmi read names of students who were feted.

Bags 'Global Peace Ambassador Award'

Dr. Anthony Paul Raj, Principal, Sri Chayadevi College of Education, Rajendranagar, Mysuru, seen receiving the 'Global Peace Ambassador Award' presented by Miss Peace Ambassador Global Society, New Delhi and 'Pride of India Gold Medal' presented by International Institute of Education and Management Society, at the Presentation ceremony held at New Delhi recently, for his achievement in the field of Education. K. L. Ganju (Consul General), *Padma Shri* ***Dr. Jitender Singh Shunty (former MLA and Founder of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Seva Dal), R.K. Agarwal, Megha Verma (International Entrepreneur), O. P. Saxena (President, All India Lawyers Forum) and Dr. N. S. N. Babu, were on the dais.***

Runners of Mini Cricket Tournament

Sree Cauvery First Grade College, Mysuru, has emerged runners-up in the Mini Cricket Tournament organised by MYRA School of Business recently. The team was awarded a trophy and cash prize of Rs. 5,000. N. Mohan (III B.Com) won 'Man of the Match' title. Seen in the picture are *(standing from left)* ***M. Sathish, R. Abhishek, S. Hemanth Kumar, M. Rajesh, N. Mohan, V. Chandan, G.N. Yakshanagarjun, M.R. Dharanesh and M.A. Nikhil;*** *(sitting from left)* ***T.R. Radha, A.K. Sachin, C. Sonakshi, T.K. Gayathri, College Principal K.M. Padmavathi, Physical Education Director K.V. Nagabhushan, M.G. Sunil, B. Manikanta Nayak, S. Rashmitha, P.N. Nalina and C.K. Bollamma.***

High Court Chief Justice visits Mysore Palace

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (SSM) - Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and his family visited the Mysore Palace yesterday.

They were greeted by Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T. S. Subramanya with a Mysore Peta, shawl and sandalwood garland and were taken around the Palace.

Justice Prasanna Varale was happy to see the Golden Howdah, Private Durbar Hall and also the ongoing flower show organised at the Palace premises. After going around the Palace, the VVIP wrote the following in the Visitor's Book: *"We were expertly guided which made understanding the milestone of the Palace more interesting and enriching. The Palace on its own does not need any special comments as it's a work of art. What makes it even more beautiful are the efforts taken by the management to maintain it. Amazing and once in a lifetime must-visit experience."*

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NEWS BRIEFS

Annual NSS camp

GSSS SSFGC is conducting its annual NSS camp for BCA, BBA and B.Com students of all semesters from Dec. 24 to 30 at Karekura village near Belagola, KRS Road. The camp is organised by M. Ajay, NSS Head, GSSS SSFGC and Ranjitha, Physical Instructor. Over 50 students are taking part.

Skill Development

Applications have been invited from eligible unemployed youths for three-month free Skill Development Training in Hotel Management under Central and State Government's Deen Dayal Upadhyaya-Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY). Training will be given for food and beverage service assistant post. Free uniforms, training equipment and travel expenses will be provided for outstation candidates. Placement assistance will also be given. Candidates, aged between 18 and 35 years, may submit copies of Aadhaar card, BPL card, caste certificate, SSLC marks card (pass or fail) or marks card of any equivalent educational qualification and passport size photos. Training will be held at Tti Global premises in Ittigegud, Mysuru. [Ph: 0821-2594595 or Mob: 87628-50960]

Ph.D awardee

M. Bharath has been awarded Ph.D in Environmental Engineering

by Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, for his thesis 'Comparative Study of Landfill Leachate Treatment by Electrocoagulation & Electro Fenton Processes' [Guide: Dr. B.M. Krishna].

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	119.46	feet
Yesterday	:	119.80	feet
Inflow	:	1,925	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,361	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,271.03	feet
Inflow	:	523	cusecs
Outflow	:	Nil	

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,827.68	feet
Inflow	:	162	cusecs
Outflow	:	90	cusecs

Three leopards resurface in farms on KRS backwaters

Kill four goats, spread terror among farming community; Villagers blame forest officers

Srirangapatna, Dec. 26 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- After a brief lull, a couple of leopards are spreading terror in the farmland on the backwaters of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam and have killed four goats in a single day recently creating panic among the residents and tourists.

The leopards, numbering about three, raided the farmhouse of one Chandrashekar, located next to Venugopalaswamy Temple on the banks of KRS backwaters and killed four goats. People, who heard the bleats of the goats, tried to chase away a leopard that was dragging a goat into a bush.

The group of villagers raised alarm and pelted stones at the feline. The video of the leopard dragging a huge goat into a bushy area and a villager hurling a stone at the leopard has gone viral. Like this goat, the villagers, predominantly farmers who breed and sell livestock, have lost many animals.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Chandrashekar said that he and a few others, who had spotted the leopards earlier, had urged the Forest Department to place a cage at the spot where they had seen the leopards. But they (Forest Department staff) have placed a cage now after the leopards killed the goats.

Forest officer Puttaswamy said that leopards have been spotted for three to four months and have killed goats, sheep and dogs. Now they have been spotted in Hosa Kannambaadi and Bannangaadi villages and hence a cage has been placed. Eight forest staff, along with the public, have conducted a combing operation also and the leopards will be trapped soon, he added.

Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) Assistant Executive Engineer Abu Farooq told *SOM* that though the leopards were spotted near KRS Dam and its surroundings, there are no restrictions for tourists who come to Brindavan Gardens. Following frequent sightings of leopards in Brindavan Gardens North and South Gates earlier, a tender has been floated to install a chain link fence at a cost of Rs. 1 crore and the works would commence next month (January, 2023), he said and added that there is no need to panic as of now.

It may be recalled that a leopard was first sighted at KRS Dam on Oct. 22 and later, it was spotted a couple of times on the North side of the Dam and even the South entrance. The Dam was declared out of bounds for tourists on Nov. 6. Continuously, the Dam and the Brindavan Garden was closed for 29 days and was reopened on the evening of Nov. 30.

Rider killed as tipper rams into bike

Mysuru, Dec. 26- In a hit and run case, a two-wheeler rider was killed on the spot, when a tipper vehicle rammed into the bike he was riding on KRS Road in Yelwal on Dec. 22 evening.

The deceased is Anil Kumar (26), a resident of Chikkanahalli village in the taluk.

Anil was proceeding on his Royal Enfield bike (KA-09-JE-2240) near Ganapati Temple on KRS Road in Yelwal at about 6.45 pm, when the tipper vehicle rammed into the bike killing Anil on the spot.

The tipper driver sped away after the incident.

A case has been registered at Yelwal Police Station.

Dacoits gag coffee planter in Kodagu; rob gold, cash

Four men came to estate near Siddapur looking for a lost cow

Siddapur, Dec. 26 (BCT)- A group of dacoits barged into the house of a coffee planter in the guise of searching for a lost cow in Siddapur yesterday. In all, cash and valuables worth around Rs. 2 lakh were robbed after the planter was gagged and dumped inside a room of his house.

The incident occurred at Avaregunda near Siddapur in Kodagu district at 2.30 pm at the house of 60-year-old Mandepanda Chengappa. The planter was inside his house relaxing after lunch and he opened the door of his house as someone knocked on it.

As Chengappa opened the door, one of the dacoits told Chengappa that they had come there looking for a lost cow. The planter told them that he has not seen their cow. All of a sudden, the four men pushed Chengappa inside his house and latched the door.

A shocked Chengappa could not even fathom what was happening to him. Moreover, the planter's house is located on the fringes of the forest, amidst a coffee estate. Even if the planter were to scream for help, none would have heard. Police said that the dacoits must have kept a watch on Chengappa, the location of his house and his routine before targeting him.

The four men then asked the planter to hand over cash to which Chengappa replied that there was no cash at home as the coffee crop was not sold. One of the dacoits flashed a knife and held it onto Chengappa's throat and asked him not to move.

Meanwhile, the other three dacoits searched the house and opened the shelf where gold ornaments weighing 16 grams were kept along with a cash of Rs. 90,000. After putting the cash and valuables in a bag, the four men gagged Chengappa with a piece of cloth so that he cannot raise an alarm to alert the neighbours.

They tied him up with a rope and bundled him into a room before leaving the place. Chengappa struggled for more than one hour to release the knots but in vain. The knots only loosened a bit and he managed to crawl to his neighbour Muthanna's house, located at a distance.

Taken aback by his neighbour's plight, Muthanna immediately released the knots and removed the stuffed cloth from his mouth. Chengappa narrated the incident to his neighbour and Muthanna alerted the Siddapur Police.

Kodagu Superintendent of Police Captain Aiyappa, Inspector Mohan Raj and staff visited the crime scene. Dog squad and fingerprint experts were summoned and the investigation is on.

Foreign tourist robbed of his iPhone

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Bike-borne miscreants have snatched an iPhone of a foreign tourist on Jodi Tenginamara Road near Highway Circle in city on Dec. 22 evening.

The foreign tourist, who lost the iPhone, is 28-year-old Stephanie Tangore, a teacher from London.

Stephanie, who had come to Mysuru, was staying at a private hotel on Bamboo Bazar Road. On Dec. 22 at about 5.27 pm, she was walking on Jodi Tenginamara Road, when two bike-borne miscreants snatched the iPhone she was holding and sped away.

A case has been registered at N.R. Police Station.

Obituary

Alhaj Syed Hussain

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Alhaj Syed

Hussain, retired Veterinarian and a resident of Rajivnagar near Masjid-e-Kaif, passed away following a brief illness yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today at Masjid-e-Azam after Namaz-e-Zohar, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

V. Harish

V. Harish (43), son of late K.

Vasanthraj and a resident of Vijayanagar 4th Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his mother, elder brother, elder sister, sister-in-law, brother-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Vijayanagar crematorium here today.

Joy Reddy

Joy Reddy (77), a retired Junior Research Officer of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) and a resident of B.M. Shri Nagar, passed away yesterday evening in city.

Wife of late B. Mahananda, she leaves behind son Manish, daughter Nisha Reddy, daughter-in-law Rumana, son-in-law Dilip Das, brother Srinivas Murthy and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at Benson Cemetery on Nanjangud Road today, according to family sources.

Joy Reddy had completed her MA in Linguistics from Osmania University and had conducted rigorous research on different languages, notable among them was on the Savara script.

Rajesh Krishnan, Jogi Sunitha and troupe enthral Palace visitors

Rajesh Krishnan and Jogi Sunitha performing at Palace premises last evening.

Gurudatt Nagaraja and team presenting a Classical Music Concert.

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (GA&DM)- The Mysore Palace, where the annual Flower Show is going on, was filled with an aura of music last evening with noted playback singer Rajesh Krishnan presenting a Musical Nite at the sprawling Palace premises, even as drizzle set in as the programme got underway.

Rajesh Krishnan, who is known as Melody King, began his performance with the song 'Yaaro Kannalli Kannanittu...' from the film 'Orata', which kept the audience on its toes. The audience, who comprised mostly of youths, flashed their mobile phone lights in tandem when Rajesh sang the hit song 'Usire, Usire Ee Usira Kollabeda...', from Kichha Sudeep's hit film 'Huchha'.

Addressing the audience, Rajesh Krishnan said he has presented several Musical Nites in the Palace premises and the one that was held in memory of his Guru late S.P. Balasaubramaniam (SPB) during the COVID pandemic was memorable for him.

Recalling that 'Nooru Janmaku, Nooraru Janmaku...' song from Nagathihalli Chandrashekar's hit film 'America, America' (Music Composer: Hamsalekha), gave him a new turn in his career, Rajesh said that he cannot ever forget that moment. Later Rajesh Krishnan and his team sang several popular and melodious songs from hit films, which delighted the audience.

Singers Jogi Sunitha, Ashwin Sharma of 'SaReGaMaPa' fame and Nadira Banu enthralled the audience with their melodious voice.

Earlier, Gurudatt Nagaraja and team presented a Karnatak Classical Music Concert.

Mysore Palace Board Dy. Director T.S. Subramanya among audience at Palace.

Today (Dec. 26), B.N. Gayatridevi and team will present a Classical Music Concert at 6 pm, followed by a dance presentation by differently abled children of Nitya Nirantara Trust at 7 pm and a Musical Nite by renowned playback singers Vijay Prakash, Anuradha Bhat and Lakshmi Nagaraj from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

New Year revelry till 1 am? Police to decide

Widespread checking will prevent criminal movement, says City Police Commissioner

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (SPN&BCT)- The Mysuru City Police have made it mandatory to obtain permission from the jurisdictional Police to conduct New Year parties in the city to prevent any untoward incident during and after the celebrations even as the State Government is expected to issue a separate set of guidelines for New Year parties in the wake of COVID variant scare.

A decision will be taken on the suggestion by the hoteliers that parties can be allowed to be held till 1 am and before making an announcement, the Police top brass will brainstorm on the implications of 1 am revelry.

Meeting the members of the Mysuru Hotel Owners Association at its premises on Saturday as part of Crime Prevention Month, City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth said that a suitable decision will be taken on the timings of the New Year parties.

Issuing broad guidelines, the Commissioner said that he has issued directions to his staff to be alert in the wake of thousands of tourists arriving in Mysuru city and district limits. Violations like drink-and-drive and traffic rule-breaking will be dealt with severely.

City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth lighting the lamp to inaugurate awareness programme at Mysuru Hotel Owners Association premises in city on Saturday as others look on.

Movements of criminals

The Police staff have been sensitised on handling domestic and international tourists and at the same time ensuring that law and order are maintained, he said. On the complaints of the Police imposing excessive fines on tourist vehicles, the Commissioner said that checking will be intensified to check the movements of criminals.

"We do not get accolades if we impose fines on tourist vehicles and the law is equal or all. For us, the safety of the people and the tourists is important and any step will be taken to ensure that residents and the visitors are provided with a safe environment," he said.

The organisers of New Year parties must obtain prior permission from their respective Police Stations and other concerned civic authorities. No parties will be allowed to be held without permission. The organisers shall have to explain the nature of the events they would be hosting, he added.

Other directions are the installation of high-resolution CCTV cameras at party venues, power backup through UPS and generators, adequate light at the venues and checking of criminal backgrounds of security guards and employees hired for the event.

No hotel rooms for minors

Ramesh asked the hoteliers to desist from handing over rooms to minors and to people without verifying their backgrounds and before checking the veracity of the documents they have submitted. If the organisers notice any suspicious movement of people or unclaimed objects, they shall inform the nearest Police Station or dial 112.

Assuring the hoteliers, the Commissioner said that discussions have been held for all precautionary measures and the hotel, pubs and commercial establishment representatives have to help the Police maintain law and order and to ensure security for women and children.

Parking problem

On their part, the hoteliers aired certain demands to the Police. "The Police should solve the parking problem in the heart of the city in coordination with the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) as the lack of parking is a deterrent to the tourist arrival. Many tourists stay away from purchasing products from Mysuru as they cannot park their vehicles at their desired place. The problem of D. Devaraj Urs Road, Gandhi Square where shop owners park their vehicles all day long on the road is not solved yet," said Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda.

DCP (Law & Order) M. Muthuraj, DCP (Crime & Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna, Mysuru Hotel Owners Association Secretary A.R. Ravindra Bhat and other office-bearers were present.

BVB wins RK Vidyashala GK competition

Prize-winning students are seen with (sitting from left) Ashok Kumar, Shama, Dimple (teachers who led the team), BVB School Principal Vijaya Narasimham, BVB Mysuru Kendra Chairman K.B. Ganapathy, Hon. Secretary P.S. Ganapathy, Shahsikala and B.S. Vidya (teachers who led the team).

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) School, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, has won the coveted 49th Srimat Swami Shambhavanandaji Memorial Inter-High School Competition in General Knowledge (GK) conducted by Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Vidyashala recently. In all, 690 students from 38 schools participated in the competition.

Fifteen students from 10th std. and 5 from 9th std. represented BVB School in the competition.

From Class 10, T. Tarun secured 3rd prize while M.R. Harshavardhan and C. Nayana got the 1st and 5th special prizes respectively.

From Class 9 division, S. Mohith secured the 1st prize while Y. Pradyumna Bhat won the special prize.

BVB School secured 616 aggregate marks and won the first Institution prize in the competition and also the coveted Rolling Shield.

Apprentice training for Graduates at SDM-IMD

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Chamundi Hill Road, Mysuru, is recognised by the Board of Apprenticeship Training, MHRD, Government of India, as a centre for conducting Apprenticeship Training for Graduates.

SDM-IMD has invited applications from Graduates with the following backgrounds: Bachelor of Arts (B.A), Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com), Bachelor of Science (B.Sc), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A), who have completed the graduation in the recent 2 years.

The selected candidates will be taken as Graduate Apprentice Trainees for one year with a monthly stipend of Rs. 9,000.

The apprentices will be trained in office administration, record management and technology tools in Academic Administration; receive training in the library section regarding library administration, technology adoption, and digital library; and receive training about Network Maintenance, IT Administration in Computer Centre. Those interested may send their resumes to: *sridhar@sdmimd.ac.in* before Dec.31.

After completing the training, candidates will receive a Certificate from the Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT), Government of India, Chennai.

The age limit of the candidates is 25 years or below, according to a press release from C.V. Sridhar, Assistant Professor - General Management and Administration, SDM-IMD, Mysuru.

Three killed in Ch'nagar quarry mishap

Chamarajanagar, Dec. 26 (SS&KS) - Three persons were killed when a huge rock to which holes were being drilled collapsed on them at Bisalawadi in the taluk this noon.

The deceased have been identified as Kumar, Shivaraju and Siddaraju, all hailing from Kagalawadi Mole village in the taluk.

Chamarajanagar Rural Police, who visited the spot, shifted the bodies to the hospital when we went to the press.

Yashaswini Scheme for private sector

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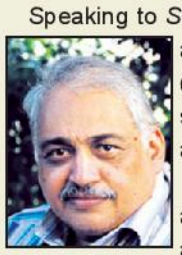
'No agreement unless our demands are met'



Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Mysuru Association of Hospitals and Nursing Homes and Diagnostic Centres (MAHAAN) President **Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem** said, "MAHAAN has decided not to sign the agreement to implement the scheme."

The agreement will be signed only if there is a written assurance over changes in guidelines, an increase in the tariff, clearance of arrears and swift reimbursement of the amount. In the existing scenario, there is a prolonged delay in reimbursement with arrears running up to several crores of rupees, he added.

"There has been a surge in the prices of medical equipment and also the cost of treatment. How can we provide treatment at the old tariff," he questioned. "The Government has not discussed this with the heads of private hospitals and we do not have any information. If beneficiaries want special wards under the tariff fixed by the Government, it will be like treating them with our own money," he said.

If the Government fixes Rs. 8,000 for any major surgery, how to distribute the same among the beneficiaries? In case of any emergency cases involving pregnant women at midnight hours, the doctors should be summoned from home. It requires at least two Paediatricians, a Gynaecologist, Nurses and an Anaesthetist, he noted and said Rs. 8,000 is way less.

"The Government which has been showing interest in implementing the scheme ahead of elections will forget the same after the elections. They will even lose interest in either continuing or extending the scheme,"Dr. Javeed Nayeem said.

There is no logic

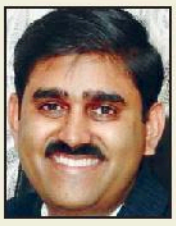
Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar of Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital said that the slabs fixed by the Government is even lesser than the cost of treatment at Government Hospitals. "There is no logic behind the decision. It is not known on what basis the slabs are fixed, as the minimum cost towards surgery at any hospital is in the range of Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 40,000. If advanced medical equipment is installed, there will be a rise in the cost of treatment too. However, under Yashaswini, there is no change in the tariff," he said.

No hike in funds

Even as the country is reeling under inflation, there is no increase in the quantum of funds earmarked for the Government schemes. If this is the situation, how can private hospitals thrive? Such is the mindset of the Government that nobody will point fingers at them, even if they push the private hospitals to the level of Government hospitals," said **Dr. H.V. Santhrupth,** Managing Director & Consultant Surgeon, Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital.

"A committee has been formed to implement Yashaswini with only three doctors. If the Government really wants to understand the gravity of the situation, especially about the cost and expenses, they should include the representatives of multi-speciality hospitals like Jayadeva and Kidwai, along with those from private hospitals and doctors' associations. Or else, they won't be able to make any changes to the scheme," he added.

Tariff less than rates fixed in 2004



When the Yashaswini Scheme was launched in 2004, it was more of a social service. While in 2010, the tariff was increased from five percent to 10 percent but the scheme itself was scrapped in 2018. Now, though the scheme has been brought again, the tariff is lesser than what was fixed in 2004, said **Dr. Vijay Cheluvaraju,** Medical Superintendent, Bhanavi Hospital, Mysuru.

For delivery, the slab was fixed at Rs. 12,000 in 2004, which is now slashed to Rs. 8,000. The Government has announced reimbursement by 45 days but it stretches and payments are delayed even after a year. Most of the hospitals are still waiting for clearance of their dues at old rates, even after the scheme was stopped in 2018, he added.

"My main demand is that the amount should be reimbursed soon after the treatment. Also, the Government is wrong to insist on providing treatment in special wards for paltry amount. The authorities should discuss with private doctors at least for courtesy's sake," Dr. Vijay Cheluvaraju said.

DC calls for sharing of knowledge between farmers and scientists

Organic farm produce on display at District Agricultural Training Centre

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who inaugurated 'Farmer and Agricultural Scientists Interaction' programme at the District Agricultural Training Centre in Naganahalli this morning, is seen taking a look at the products on display at the venue.

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (RKB&DM)- Observing that sharing knowledge and constant interaction between farmers and agricultural scientists is key for innovations and growth in the farm sector, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra said that the District Administration is always willing to extend co-operation and support to the farming community.

He was speaking after inaugurating the 'Farmer and Agricultural Scientists Interaction' programme organised jointly by the Agriculture Department, Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) and Krishik Samaja, Mysuru, as part of Farmers Day marking the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh, at the District Agricultural Training Centre at Naganahalli in the taluk here this morning.

Pointing out that he too is from an agricultural family which used to grow Paddy and Arecanut in their farmland in Shivamogga district, Dr. Rajendra said that he could learn more about farming after coming to Mysuru.

Stressing on the need for unity among the farming community as this will largely help in getting all Governmental benefits under various schemes meant for farmers, he said that the farming sector demanded direct involvement of growers for cutting down on costs and getting better crop yield.

"Apart from gains in farming, the farmers should also concentrate on value added products and non-agricultural incomes. Everyone of us should honour the farmers as it is they who provide us food. Farmers too can become entrepreneurs in their own right and this needs some hard work and innovative ideas," he said while assuring that the District Administration will consider farmer issues seriously and take necessary steps for their redressal.

Continuing, the DC said that he has asked the Agricuture and Horticulture Department officials to send him the full proceedings of the interaction, so that he can take them forward in a most appropriate manner for the benefit of farmers.

Regretting that agents/ middlemen were eating into the incomes of farmers, he called for a strong and foolproof marketing mechanism where farmers can sell their produce directly to consumers.

When some farmers asked for setting up cold storages, the DC said, the District Administration would seriously consider setting up of cold storages where there are large growing areas of fruits, vegetables, flowers and other perishable agricultural crops.

Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) President Badagalapura Nagendra, in his address, said that farmers are scientists in their own way. Noting that while farmers are scientists by experience, others are academic scientists by studies and research, Nagendra wanted the interaction to be more fruitful and beneficial to farmers. He emphasised on the need for sharing of farm knowledge and practices among farmers and scientists as this will hugely help in addressing farm issues.

Five achiever farmers, who won State-level prizes (2021-22) given by ATMA, were felicitated on the occasion. The felicitated were Veerabhadrappa of Hanumanahalli in Gavadagere hobli of Hunsur (Krishi Pandit - 1st Prize), C. Dileep of Gopalapura in Jayapura hobli of Mysuru (Krishi Pandit - 3rd prize) and Venkatesh of Chidaravalli in Sosale hobli of T. Narasipur, Siddappa of Hosakote in Chikkayyanchatra hobli of Nanjangud and Naveen of Adaganahalli in Hebbal Hobli of K.R. Nagar (all upcoming farmers).

ZP CEO B.R. Poornima, Agriculture Joint Director Dr. B.S. Chandrashekar, Horticulture Joint Director Rudresh, Karnataka Sugarcane Growers Association office-bearer Kiragasur Shankar, MCCI President K.B. Lingaraju and Karnataka Rajya Pradesha Krushik Samaja Mysuru District President Kalmalli Shivakumar were present.

DC interacts with stall owners

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra interacted with the stall owners at the expo organised as part of 'Farmer and Agricultural Scientists Interaction' programme at the District Agricultural Training Centre in Naganahalli this morning.

There were six stalls selling organic jaggery, pure honey, dish and floor cleaning agents made out of Persian Lemon Seed extract, millets, cereals and other organic farm produce.

Taking a close look at the stalls, the DC enquired about the farming practices and equipment used in farming. He also sought inputs on the benefits of 'Siridhanyas,' which are in high demand for their rich nutrient content.

Showing a keen interest on all products and packages on display, the DC asked the Agriculture Department Joint Director Dr. B.S. Chandrashekar to check the content in the millet powders and help the farmers to mention it on the packing so that it gets sold well among the educated class, which generally have a keen interest for finding out the nutrient content in terms of calories.

7-year-old boy electrocuted

Yuvin

Nanjangud, Dec. 26- A seven-year-old boy has been electrocuted at Morarji Desar Residential School at Mahadevanagar in the taluk yesterday.

The deceased boy is Yuvin, son of Basavanna, a Physical Education (PE) Teacher at the school and a native of Doddarayapete village in Chamarajanagar taluk. Yuvin was studying in second standard at Dalavai Government Higher Primary School at Nanjangud.

Basavanna, along with his son, was staying in the guest house of the residential school. On Sunday morning, Basavanna and Yuvin went to the dining hall of the school to fetch drinking water and as there was less pressure, they kept a can below the tap and came home. After some time, Yuvin went to the dining hall to see if the can was filled and lifted the water pipe during which he was electrocuted. The cooking staff, who noticed it, informed Basavanna and rushed Yuvin to a private hospital in Nanjangud, but he had breathed his last by then. The body was shifted to the Taluk Hospital for post-mortem.

In his complaint with Biligere Police, Basavanna has held the School Principal, Warden, cooking staff and others responsible for his son's death due to their negligence.

Dy.SP Govindaraju, Circle Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar and SI Arati visited the spot.

Horse provided for training sold by trainer

Mysuru, Dec. 26- A race horse trainer, who was entrusted to train the horse, has allegedly sold the horse without the owner's knowledge and a case has been registered at Nazarbad Police Station.

The horse named 'Vijay Falcon' belonged to 44-year-old G.K. Keshavamurthy of Bengaluru and the trainer, who has been accused of selling the horse is Joseph B. Avle.

A realtor, Keshavamurthy had registered nine horse including four-year-old Vijay Falcon (Absolute Star) in Mysore Race Club in the name of Vijay Empire Farmer Pvt. Ltd. He had purchased 'Vijay Falcon' from a Mumbai Company in Mar. 29 and had registered it in MRC on Apr. 27 and had given the horse to Joseph to train it besides giving him the entry and scratch form signed by him (Keshavamurthy) and affixed with a seal.

In the meantime, one M. Aravindaraj had held talks with Keshavamurthy for the purchase of the horse and Keshavamurthy had agreed to sell the horse, but he (Keshavamurthy) had not signed the sale form.

In his complaint, Keshavamurthy has stated that during the race on Dec. 7, while providing the details of Falcon, the name of the Aravindaraj was mentioned as the name of the owner and when the Race Club officials enquired about it, they were told that trainer Joseph was given the authority to sell the horse and produced the documents with his (Keshavamurthy) signature.

Keshavamurthy, who has claimed that the signature in the document was not his but a forged signature, has accused Joseph of selling the horse by forging his signature and lodged a complaint. Nazarbad Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Five more rowdy-sheeters to be externed from city: City Top Cop

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (PM&BS)- City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh has said that steps are being taken to extern five more rowdy-sheeters from the city.

Speaking to media persons this morning, the City Top Cop said, "Two rowdy-sheeters are already externed from city, while information is being collected to extern five more who are in the list."

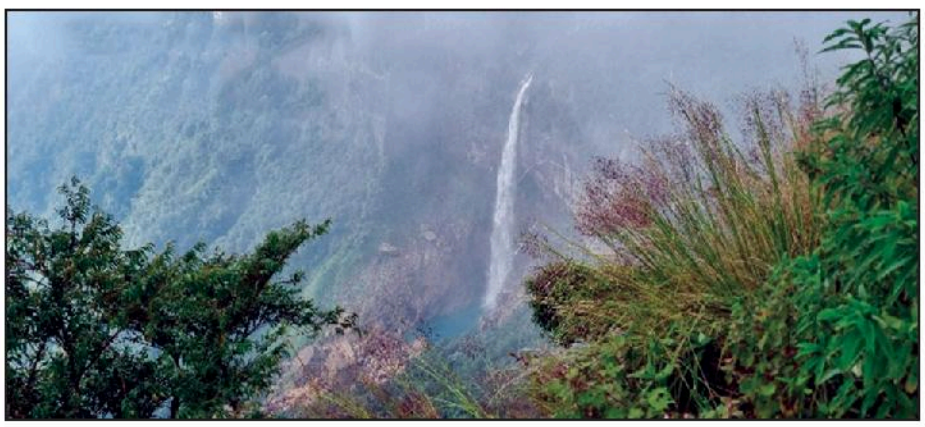
It may be recalled here that in the first week of this month, the Police had initiated the exercise of identifying rowdy-sheeters, known defaulters, goondas, criminals and extortionists and were preparing a dossier to enable the administration to banish them from their areas of operation. This was to prevent any law-and-order situation in an election-bound region.

On Dec. 13, houses of over 37 active rowdy-sheeters were raided in the wee hours and their houses were searched for weapons and other illegal materials.

The history-sheeters were brought in Police vehicles to Hebbal Police Station where the City Top Cop had issued a stern warning to them to stop all illegal activities and mend their ways.

TRAVELOGUE: North-East Indian States

India's Switzerland and much more... –2



Nohkalikai Falls, the tallest plunge.

Seven Sisters Fall.

By Bhamy V. Shenoy

[Continued from yesterday]

In comparison to Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya has far more attractive sight-seeing places. Cherrapunji, the rainiest place in the world with an annual precipitation of 463.7, is one of them. In Cherrapunji, Seven Sisters Fall is a tourist spot. However, when we were there, there was no water. However the majestic Nohkalikai Falls in Cherrapunji was worth the effort of driving on rough roads. With a single fall down a height of 1,115 ft, it is the tallest plunge falls in India.

Near to Shillong the capital of Meghalaya, there is Elephant Falls. It was Britishers who named it because they seem to have seen a rock which looked like an elephant. Rock was destroyed in 1987 due to earthquake. But the name continues. The original Khasi (tribe in Meghalaya) name for the falls is Ka Kshaid Lai Pateng Khohsiew, which translates to 'the three - step waterfall.

Three other attractive places in Meghalaya which we visited were the Living Root Bridge, the cleanest village in Asia and the clearest river Umngot in Dawki. The natural marvel of Living Root Bridges are found mostly in Meghalaya. They were developed two centuries ago by veterans of Khasi tribe by putting rubber tree roots into hollow canes of areca nut palm. These are recognised by UNESCO as a world heritage. Some of the root bridges are over 100-feet-long and take 10 to 15 years to attain the perfect shape.

Once fully grown, these roots last for as long as 500 years. There are double-decker and single-decker bridges. We saw only one single-decker bridge near Mawlynnong village. We took so many photos that we never got tired. Root bridges are good enough to hold 50 or more people in one go.

Elephant Falls in Meghalaya.

Single deck Root Bridge.

Mawlynnong village with 900 residents and 90% literacy is definitely the cleanest village. I was waiting to learn how it achieved this distinction. When just about every other house is a home stay and with so few residents, it is not a typical Indian village. It was not easy to locate a toilet. When I located one, it was nothing much to write about. There were three churches and a school. When *Travel India* magazine published an article declaring it as the cleanest village in India in 2005, it was catapulted into a top tourist spot in the region. I felt that the cleanest village promotion is just a tourist hype. But it is working. By one estimate village income has increased by 60%.

Dawki or Dauki is a small border town between India and Bangladesh, set in West Jaintia Hills district of Meghalaya. There is a beautiful suspension bridge built during the British time. After hearing about the Morbi Bridge tragedy we were scared as we were going over it. The gorgeous green and blue water of Umngot river looks stunning. One can see fish and pebbles easily. Boat seems to glide over the river as it is claimed by some.

Visit to Shillong is not complete without visiting ultra modern and ultra clean Don Bosco Museum. One can easily spend one whole day in this seven-floor museum where we can see the progress of homo sapiens from prehistoric to current era. Special emphasis is given to depict the rich and multi-cultural lifestyles of indigenous people of North East India. There are several different galleries — agriculture, art, basketry, ornaments, fishing and hunting, food, housing, historic evolution of mankind, mission and culture, musical instruments and religions. This was opened in 2003.

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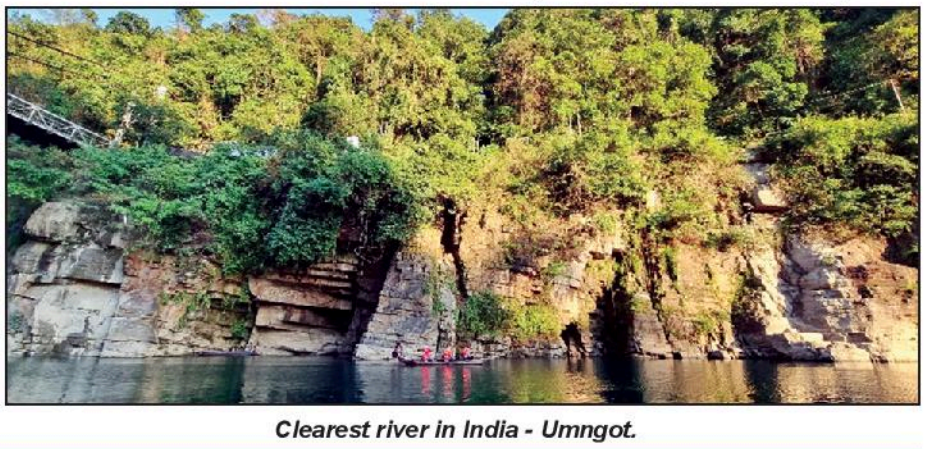
Cleanest village in Asia.



Clearest river in India - Umngot.

RK Vidyashala students recreate Swami Vivekananda's visit to city

Students of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Yadavagiri, enacting the play 'Mysurige Viveka Bandhavya' as part of 70th College Day celebrations at the Vidyashala premises in city on Saturday. Picture right shows a section of the audience.

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (MK&DM)- The skilled and mature performance of the Kannada play 'Mysurige Viveka Bandhavya' by the students of Yadavagiri's Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala enthralled the audience, who had gathered at the Open Air Theatre in Vidyashala premises for the 70th College Day celebration of the Institution Saturday evening.

The play was a narrative on Swami Vivekananda's bonding with Mysuru when he visited the Thathaiah Anathalaya and Niranjana Mutt on N.S. Road, ahead of his iconic speech at the World Religion Conference at Chicago, USA, in 1893.

Speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Bengaluru, Director Prof. Debabrata Das said that the students of the Vidyashala are known for discipline, learning and other social activities.

Observing that the College is not only a good institution, but also a model for the entire country, he said that the Vidyashala is doing a highly commendable job through its creative and scholarly teaching and training.

Pointing out that the Vidyashala has been teaching high morals and values of life, he called upon the students to maintain and sustain through their career and life, what they have learnt here. There is no doubt that such students who stick on to morals, will become achievers, he added.

Noting that the common expression or feeling 'AHA..,' when one savours delicious food, should mean Attitude (A), Health (H) and Academy (A) for students, Prof. Das said that proven skills of students will bring laurels to the Institutions where they studied. The Vidyashala is playing a vital role in this direction, he said adding that united and team efforts, more than individual, will largely help in bringing about a societal change.

Earlier in the evening, the Vidyashala students presented a general salute and a parade at the College Stadium. Later, the programme began at the Open Air Theatre with invocation, welcome, bhajans, reading out report, distribution of prizes, recitations, etc.

The event also featured a group song and folk dance presentation by students, followed by the staging of Kannada play 'Mysurige Viveka Bandhavya'.

Mysuru Ramakrishna Ashram President Swami Muktidanandaji, Vidyashala Correspondent Swami Yukteshanandaji, Principal S. Balaji and others were present.

Earlier in the morning, the College Day celebrations featured a display of Science and Computer projects (at Knowledge Park), Humanities Band (at NCC Ground), Book Display (in the Library), Fine Arts and Philately (at Auditorium foyer) and Astronomy, Aquatics and Environment (at Astronomy Gallery and Swimming Pool Pavilion), all in the Vidyashala premises.

K.V. Vasu's 'Kathyayini mattu Itara Kathegalu' book released

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Kannada book 'Kathyayini mattu Itara Kathegalu' (Kathyayini and Other Stories), penned by noted writer, advocate and Notary, K.V. Vasu was released at a programme jointly organised by District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Himalaya Pratishtana at Kannada Bhavan in Parishat premises at Vijayanagar here on Saturday.

Veteran Social Worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee, who released the book, said that the stories written by Vasu focused on women empowerment.

He further said that the roles of women portrayed in these stories symbolises that of Indian culture and tradition, especially relating to middle class women.

Scholar Dr. K. Leela Prakash, who too spoke about the book, said that the book carries a good message to the society and added that writers should develop the habit of reading the books of fellow littérateurs and thus enrich their knowledge.

Maddikere Gopal, President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru, in his presidential address, said that Vasu's short stories were very much relevant to the present day society. He felt that the author Vasu should also write books on Law subjects and on burning issues that are confronting the society.

Earlier, Suyog Hospital Chairman and Medical Writer Dr. S.P. Yoganna inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp and said that there was a need to write books on other subjects like Law, so that it may help needy persons in the society.

The book author K.V. Vasu, in his address, said that he was overwhelmed by the love and affection shown on him by the people.

He further said that he aimed to write more stories and articles on various subjects and thanked the audience for being present in the programme. The book has 19 short stories with one sending out a message.

Vasu was conferred with the prestigious 'Sahitya Seva Ratna 2022' Award on the occasion.

President of Himalaya Pratishtana N. Ananth compered the programme.

Former President of District Kannada Sahithya Parishat M. Chandrashekar delivered the keynote address. Muktaka writer M. Muthuswamy and Historian N. Ashwathnarayana were the chief guests.

Ambedkar Development Corporation invites applications for loan

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (SSM)- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation has invited applications from SC candidates for distribution of loans under Industrial Entrepreneurship (Udyama Sheelata) Scheme and Micro-Credit Prerana (Self Help Groups) Scheme.

The applicant must be a resident of Karnataka and belong to SC community. The annual income of the family of applicants residing in rural area should not exceed Rs. 1.5 lakh while in urban areas it should not be more than Rs. 2 lakh.

To avail loans under Udyama Sheelata Scheme, candidates must be aged between 21 years and 50 years while under Micro-Credit Prerana (Self Help Groups) Scheme the age must be between 21 years and 60 years. None of the family members should be employed in any Government or Government-aided institutions. Candidates should have not received any facilities from the Corporation.

Under Udyama Sheelata Scheme Rs. 50,000 will be given as subsidy and loan of Rs. 20,000 will be sanctioned to buy two-wheeler and three-wheeler goods vehicle for self-employment. The remaining amount will be sanctioned as bank loans under the service coverage of the applicant with conditions. The applicants must have Driving Licence.

To avail loans under Micro-Credit Prerana Scheme, a Self Help Group must at least have 10 women who must have BPL card and Aadhaar card. Only registered Women Self Help Groups with bank accounts can avail benefits.

Each candidate of the Self Help Group can avail Rs. 25,000 (Rs. 15,000 subsidy and Rs. 10,000 loan). One Self Help Group can avail a maximum loan of Rs. 2.5 lakh.

Applications can be submitted by logging on to ***https://sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in/sevasindhu*** before Dec. 31, according to a press release from the Corporation District Manager.

WORD OF THE DAY

Dreidel

Pronunciation: DRAY-dul.
Meaning: A dreidel is a 4-sided toy marked with Hebrew letters and spun like a top in a game of chance. The game, played by children especially at Hanukkah, is also called dreidel.
Origin: If your dreidel is spinning beneath the glow of the menorah, it's probably the Jewish festival of lights known as Hanukkah. The holiday celebrates the miracle of a small amount of oil — enough for one day — burning for eight days in the Temple of Jerusalem. Though it's a toy, dreidel's design is very much a homage: on each of its four sides is inscribed a Hebrew letter — nun, gimel, he, and shin — which together stand for Nes gadol haya sham, meaning "A great miracle happened there." (In Israel, the letter pe, short for po, "here," is often used instead of shin). In the game of dreidel, each letter bears its own significance: the dreidel is spun and depending on which letter is on top when it lands, the player's currency, or gelt, is added to or taken from the pot. Nun means the player does nothing; gimel means the player gets everything; he means the player gets half; and shin means the player adds to the pot.

THE ODD WORD

Damson

Dark brownish purple.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The darkest hour

Meaning: The darkest hour is the time when bad events are at their worst and most dispiriting.
Origin: The expression 'The darkest hour' came into widespread use in early 19th century England. However, the usage of the phrase that has more recently become popular originated well before that, in the proverb 'The darkest hour is just before the dawn'. A version of the proverb was recorded by Thomas Fuller in *A Pisgah-Sight Of Palestine And The Confines Thereof,* 1650: It is always darkest just before the Day dawneth. *'The Darkest Hour'* is the title of a 2017 WWII film drama starring Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill. The film alludes to the apparently imminent defeat of the British as their 'darkest hour' and, although this might sound like a Churchillian turn of phrase there is no record of him having coined it in any of his copiously recorded speeches or writings. It was used in a letter to Churchill from Clement Attlee, who became the British Prime Minister shortly before the Japanese surrender in 1945. Attlee gave Churchill due credit as the UK's war leader: "I feel that the probability of the surrender of our last enemy is so great that I must, at once, offer to you, our leader from the darkest hours through so many anxious days, my congratulations on this crowning result of your work."

QUOTE BOX

To me, every hour of the day and night is an unspeakably perfect miracle.

—Walt Whitman

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

S
T
A
R
T

Answer: Standing start.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Required Time of Arrival
4 Unit of sale at auction
7 Muscular and hefty
9 Angle that is neither obtuse nor right
12 Claim
13 Kindled once more?
14 Japanese hostess
15 Cowboy of the pampas
17 Air Data Comp.
18 Incendiarism
20 Uncle in Spain
21 "A" in A.D. ?
22 Individually
23 Coin collecting
27 Canvas cover
28 IIM grads.
29 Aircraft Sys. Controllers
30 Flakes off
32 ___ in one's bonnet : an obsession?
35 Escorts
37 Move upward
39 Take ___ __ : shoot? (3,2)
40 Fanatical enthusiast
41 Blend, bond or coalesce together
42 Arm joint
43 Gaelic sea god
44 U-turn from NNE

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	M	S	K	■	T	I	L	■	V	E	R	B
R	O	T	H	■	E	N	E	■	I	L	I	A
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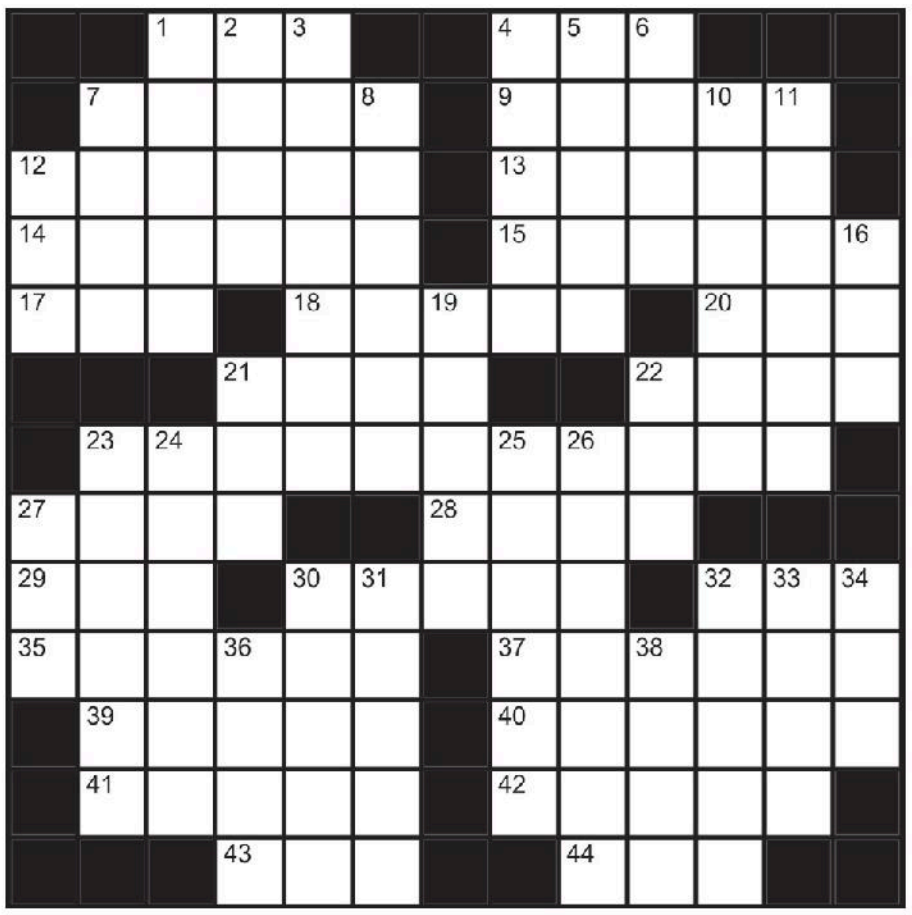
DOWN

1 Ancient souvenir
2 River of northern England
3 The monetary unit of Afghanistan
4 Slow musical tempo
5 A vast sea
6 Dialect of South India?
7 Lost a lot of vital fluid?
8 Longs for
10 Bookies' signalling? (3-3)
11 A system of moral principles
12 Chief of a Moslem sect
16 Cry of delight
19 River in Northern France on which Amiens stands
21 Unit of current
22 Electronic Instrument Sys.
23 Bahamas capital
24 Ragged youngster
25 On fire
26 Decorations
27 Nineteenth letter of Greek alphabet
30 Chatter, talk too much
31 Organic compound
32 Under or beneath
33 Enough in old English?
34 Eastern Daylight Time, abbr.
36 German name - "Mile" anagram?
38 Truck compartments?



SUDOKU

2			7	3	8			6
		1				8		
7								9
		2	1		6	7		
	5						2	
		7	4		2	6		
8								4
		5				1		
6			9	1	5			2

Answer to previous puzzle

2	6	5	7	8	3	1	9	4
8	4	7	5	9	1	2	3	6
3	1	9	6	4	2	5	8	7
7	3	8	4	5	6	9	1	2
1	5	6	2	3	9	7	4	8
9	2	4	8	1	7	6	5	3
6	8	1	3	7	5	4	2	9
4	9	2	1	6	8	3	7	5
5	7	3	9	2	4	8	6	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NSJ TBZ FMM AZES EDM IJEJOM AI NSJ DBRM B XBFAT

JZGMOFEBZGAZL SI DSC WMSWKM BOM KAPMKN ES BTE.

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.

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	(S-2)	7.05 pm
Kantara (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Dhamaka (Te)	(S-1)	7.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Avatar: The way of water (E-3D)	(S-2)	9.50 am
	(S-4)	10.55 am, 2.35 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.50 pm
Connect (Ta)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
18 pages (Te)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Kaapa (Ma)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
Hosa Dinachari (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Cirkus (H)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Vishal in Laththi Charge (Ta)	(S-3)	4.10 pm

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Dhamaka (Te)	:	10.10 am, 4.05 pm
Vishal in Laththi Charge (Ta)	:	10.30 am, 9.25 pm
Cirkus (H)	:	12.50 pm, 4.20 pm, 9.45 pm
18 Pages (Te)	:	1.20 pm, 7.05 pm
Kaapa (Ma)	:	1.40 pm, 6.45 pm
Connect (Ta)	:	4.10 pm
Avatar: The way of water (K-3D)	:	6.15 pm, 9.50 pm

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		4.05 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Dhamaka (Te)	:	10.00 am, 4.00 pm, 10.00 pm
18 pages (Te)	:	1.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Vishal in Laththi Charge (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 4.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Connect (Ta)	:	7.25 pm
Kaapa (Ma)	:	1.25 pm
Avatar: The way of water (3D-E)	:	9.45 am, 10.45 am, 1.40 pm
		2.40 pm, 5.35 pm, 6.35 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm

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Vedha (K)	:	8 am, 12.45 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Cirkus (H)	:	9.40 am, 4.05 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Avatar: The way of water (E-3D)	:	9.45 am, 11.20 am, 1.40 pm
		3.15 pm, 5.35 pm, 9.30 pm
18 Pages (Te)	:	9.55 am, 3.55 pm
Dhamaka (Te)	:	12.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Vishal in Laththi Charge (Ta)	:	6.55 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 26)

- **Mysore Palace Board:** Palace Flower Show, **up to 9 pm;** Cultural Programmes, classical music by B.N. Gayathri Devi, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Dance programme by differently abled children from Nitya Niranthara Trust, **7 pm to 7.30 pm;** Sangeetha Ganamrutha programme by playback singers Vijay Prakash, Anuradha Bhat and Lakshmi Nagaraj and team, Palace premises, **7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pt. Aniruddhachar Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Sree Andal Mandiram Trust and Hebbar Sreevyshnava Rural District Upa Sabha, Mysuru:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Mandiram premises, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** Endowment Programme, 'Vachana Gayana and Vyakhyaana' competition, writer Dr. C.G. Ushadevi inaugurates and delivers lecture on 'Vachanakarthiyara Pragatipara Chintane,' JSS Institution Head Mistress H.M. Shylaja Swamy, Sharana Sahitya Parishat Mysuru City Unit President M.G. Sadanandaiah presides, Jyotirgamaya Seva Trust, free hostel for girls, Ramanuja Road 15th Cross, **6 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Nrityakala Parishat:** Natyacharya M. Vishnudas Memorial 32nd Nrutyotsava, Bharatanatyam by Vid. Yogesh Kumar and Vidu. Sneha Narayan, Narthana Yoga and Kalasnehi Nritya Samsthe, Bengaluru, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Bharatanatyam by disciples of Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke, Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru, Ganabharathi, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Mahajana Sabha:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. Mudumbai Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Kantaraja Urs Road, **6.15 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Dr. Kamalaraman Mandira, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Road, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. B.K. Seethalakshmi, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 27)

- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Dhanurmasa special pujas, Shattu Murai, Mahamangalarathi, **5 am to 6.30 am;** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. B.K. Seethalakshmi, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **6.30 pm.**
- **Mysore District Athletic Association (MDAA):** Mysuru District Track and Field Athletic Meet 2022, Vidya Vikas Educational Trust Secretary Kavish Gowda inaugurates, MDAA President and KAA Vice-President presides, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Nazarbad, **8.30 am.**
- **Department of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru:** Solo painting expo by Narasimhulu P. Byageri, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10 am to 5 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Shri Bruhaspatyacharya Vidya Samsthe (SBVS):** 23rd Annual Day celebration, SBVS Trustee Dr. U.G. Shenoy presides, School premises, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **3.30 pm.**
- **The Acme School:** 22nd Annual Day celebrations, Dr. B.N. Raveesh, Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatry, MMC, Mysuru, chief guest, Rtn. N.S. Dwaraknath, Businessman, Writer and Philanthropist, guest of honour, Kalamandira, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pt. Aniruddhachar Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Nadaranga and Department of Kannada & Culture, Bengaluru:** Natakotsava 2022-23, Maharaja PU College Principal N. Udayshankar delivers speech, theatre songs by Nadaranga, Mysuru and staging of historical play 'Sri Krishnadevaraya' by Rangananda Kala Sangha, written by Kakolu Saroja Rao, directed by Rangaswamy, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
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Hosa Dinachari (K)	(S-4)	5.05 pm
Vedha (K)	(S-2)	12.55 pm, 4.05 pm
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		7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Cirkus (H)	(S-4)	10.25 am, 1.20 pm
		4.15 pm, 10.00 pm
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Vishal in Laththi Charge (Ta)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
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